

**In the claims:**

*Please cancel claim 1-8.*

9. (Amended) A method for the treatment of diabetic ischemic disease in a subject, comprising

administering a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid encoding hepatocyte growth factor to the muscle of an ischemic site, thereby treating the ischemic disease.

*Please cancel claim 10.*

11. (Reiterated) The method according to claim 9, wherein the diabetic ischemic disease is selected from the group consisting of diabetic lower limb ischemic disease, diabetic ischemic neuropathy, and diabetic ischemic myocardial infarction.

12. (Reiterated) The method according to claim 11, wherein the diabetic ischemic disease is diabetic lower limb ischemic disease.

*Please cancel claim 13.*

14. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the nucleic acid encoding the hepatocyte growth factor is in the form of a Sendai virus (HVJ)-liposome.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the nucleic acid encoding the hepatocyte growth factor is administered repeatedly.

16. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein at least 50 µg of the nucleic acid encoding the hepatocyte growth factor is administered to the subject.

*Please cancel claims 17-21.*